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To the Minister of Health, the Chairman
and Members of the Castle Donington
Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

Short Report for 1942.

The health of the rural district in 1942 was very good.

In the earlier part of the year there was a minor epidemic of diphtheria, thirty cases occurring in three months. Several adults were affected. Most of the cases were notified from Castle Donington.

Measles was prevalent in October and there were thirty nine cases in the Belton district alone. The infection was mild in nature and there were very few cases followed by complications such as pneumonia.

There was no increase in venereal disease.
Compared with 1941, there was a fall in notifications of tuberculosis and although no records of scabies are available it appeared that there was also an improvement in the incidence of this condition.

Over eighty per cent of children between five and fifteen years of age were immunised against diphtheria, but the figure for children of pre-school age on 31st December was only 22.3%. This latter figure was very disappointing.
Health visitors and family doctors have great influence with mothers of young children and it is anticipated that with their increased help the percentage for 1943 will be quickly raised. Only with a figure of 80% or more for all children can the immunisation scheme be a success.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

T. M. Montford.
Medical Officer of Health.